

The Cromwell Argus

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements



DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
WHOLESALE
AND
RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS,
AND
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, andromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.
Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbog's and Long Jones'
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Burnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's
CORDIALS.

Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint, Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT
ASSORTMENT OF
IRONMONGERY,

beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting Powder and Fuse; Long and Short handle Shovels; Picks, Pick Handles, and Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manilla Rope for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk; Washing-boards; Brushware of every description; Nails; Canvas; Hose Pipes.—Contracts undertaken for supplying Mining Co.'s with Material of all kinds, on liberal terms. Free delivery

**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,
CROMWELL.**



**SANSON, SADDLER
AND
HARNESS-MAKER,**

begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Green, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Hollars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

Cromwell Advertisement

I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,
GENERAL IMPORTERS,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN, & MELBOURNE.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants generally to our Large Stock, as enumerated in this advertisement. It does not detail all the articles we keep, for to do so would be almost impossible. We have endeavoured to enumerate all the principal articles of each class; but every want necessary in a Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral community can be supplied.

All our purchases being for cash, we thus possess an advantage that few are able to avail themselves of.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, with the conviction that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed, and the articles found to be of good value.

Drapery.—The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, and arrangements have been made for regular shipments per each steamer.

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpaca, challies, mohairs, wincoys, muslins, prints, coburges Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirtings, jackets, &c.
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds
Ladies and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted on the Gold-fields

Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed
Feathers, flowers, corsos, chignons, &c.

A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheetings; and every other article required in the trade.

Slop Department.—Men's Snits, Paget and sac; boys' ditto, Leopold, Stanley, sac, and knickerbocker; Trousers and vests, all kinds
Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin
Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jain
Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds
Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes
Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings, and sou'-westers; monkey jackets and pilot coats

All the above Goods are to our special order.

Boots and Shoes.—A splendid assortment, consisting of:
Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather
Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet
Men's and boys' boots—elastic-side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half-Wellington, and riding boots; Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne
Gum boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

Carpets.—In tapestry, felt, all-wool kidderminster, drugget; hearth-rugs.

Matting.—China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

Ironmongery, Mining Tools, and Agricultural Implements.—Anvils, axes, augers, adzes, balances, bells, bags, blacking, brushes (all kinds), baking-dishes, billies, braces and bits, black-lead, bellows, boilers, bedsteads, bolts, blocks, candlesticks, chains (various), candle-moulds, colanders, compasses, chisels, coal-scuttles, scoop and vase; corkscrews, coffin furniture, cash-boxes, door-scrappers, drippers, egg-whisks, slice and cups; fuse, frying-pans, funnels, files, fenders and fire-irons, fish-hooks, gimblets, grindstones, graters, glue, gridirons, gold-blowers, dishes and sieves, grates, gads, guns, glue-pots, hammers (all kinds), hoes, jelly-moulds, knives, a large assortment; knives and forks, knife-boards, kettles, lanterns, locks, ladles, milk dishes, cans, strainers, sieves, and yokes; measuring tapes, mops, mallets, nails of every kind, pitch, picks, pumps, powder, pincers, piping, ploughs, quoits, quicksilver, rules, rope, resin, rivets, rasps, rakes, ship scrapers, sickles and bats, slop-pails, saws of all kinds, sieves, seaming twine, sponges, scoops, sheep-shears, sancepans, shovels and spades, spirit-levels, soldering-irons, solder, spokeshaves, shot, steel-yards, scales, screws, staples, stewpans, teapots, trowels, tar, tacks, tubs, trowsers, vices, waiters, washing boards and powder, window furniture of all kinds, writing cases, zinc, &c., &c.

Timber and Building Materials.—Shelving, 12 and 14 inches wide; T. and G. Lumber T. and G. Scotch Flooring, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch; beveled and plain match lining
Quartering, American hardwood, 3 x 1, 3 x $1\frac{1}{2}$, 3 x 2, 4 x 3, 4 x 6; mouldings, various sizes
Galvanised and painted iron, all sizes; rolled zinc, spouting, brackets, down-piping heads
Screws, nails, locks, hinges, and bolts; doors, glass, raised panel, and plain sashes, all sizes.

Paints, Paperhangings, Oils.—Paints of all kinds; white and red lead; black, green, blue, umbre, ochre, &c.; Oils—raw, boiled, colza, olive, turpentine, &c.; oak and copal varnish, asphaltum, oak-stain, knotting

Paperhangings.—a large assortment of drawing-room, sitting-room, bed-room, hall, passage, and ceiling, various; borderings, all kinds.

Tinware of every description, a large assortment, all kinds.

Kitchen Utensils.—Stoves, boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.

Crockery.—a large and well-assorted department.

Lamps, Glassware, Kerosene, Lampware.—large assortment.

Furniture, Bedding, &c.—Bedsteads: an assortment of French and stump double, single, and children's bedsteads and cots

Chairs: Ladies, Florence, Lincoln, Fillmore, dining, American wood, spring hair, rocking; easy-chairs, in hair, cane, and wood

Commodies, cheffoniers, children's high and low chairs, cane and wood; chests of drawers

Tables: round and square, dining, loo, and dressing, various

Washstands, in cedar and walnut; towel-horses, mahogany, cedar, turned and plain

Sofas, a large assortment, colonial male, with or without backs, pillows, and cushions

Mattresses: feather, hair, flock, fibre, any size; pillows and bolsters, do. do. do.

Leather.—Crop, kip, calf, kangaroo, &c., from the Tannery of Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Co

Grindery.—a large assortment.

Tobacco and Cigars.—Being direct importers of these goods, buyers can always depend on getting a first-class article.

Tobacco: fancy and aromatic, silver coil, Atlantic cable, old sport, navy, fives, sixes, tens, imperial ruby, gold bar; dark aromatic—tens, bashful lover, little sunshade, monster; Barrett's twist and cut tobaccos; snuff

Cigars: Trabucos, Havana, Princess, and Swiss.

Stationery and Books.—Account-books, all sizes and bindings; minute-books, bill-files, blotting-paper, memo. books, copying letter-books, copy and exercise books, date-cases, envelopes, all kinds and sizes; elastic bands, foolscap (plain and ruled), gum mucilage, ink of all kinds; inkstands, a large variety; letter balances, clips, and files; pass-books

Note and letter paper, white, blue, and mourning; pens of all kinds, pencils, playing-cards, pocket-books, purses, slates, albums, rulers, sealing-wax, tissue-paper, all colours; desks

Books: an assortment of family and pocket Bibles, church services, and prayer-books

Poetical Works of Byron, Moore, Scott, Burns, Milton, Cowper, Cook, Campbell, Longfellow

Gift books; dictionaries—French, Latin, German, and English; geographies, arithmetics.

Fancy Goods.—A large, choice, and varied assortment.

Patent Medicines.—Large assortment; also, a variety of Horse Medicines.

Perfumery.—"from every flower that breathes a fragrance."

Saddlery.—This department will be found very complete, as all goods are manufactured expressly for us by Alston, of Melbourne.

Bridles, with or without bits; a large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's, double and single rein, Pelham and snaffle; all prices.

Curry-combs and brushes of all kinds; halters; hobbles, various.

Saddles, ladies' and gentlemen's; demy, stock, green hide, and all over hogskin; various prices.

Saddle-cloths, kersey, felt; saddle-griths, leather, web; saddle straps, spurs of all kinds; valises, martingales and breastplates, various; stirrup leathers, ladies' slippers and stirrup leathers, cruppers, bits, burnisters, headstalls, ladies' worked saddle-cloths.

Spring cart harness complete, dray harness complete, leading sets complete.

Pack saddles, straps, needles, buckles, hemp knives.

Whips, a large variety; jockey whips, silver mounted, green hide; ladies' twigs, various kinds; buggy whips, cart whips, all sizes; stockwhips and handles, thongs of all kinds.

Produce.—Agents for Robertson and Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills, Lake Wakatip.—We have for sale their silk-dressed Flour, (equal to Adelaide); pollard, bran, oats, wheat, barley, chaff. Garden seeds in great variety.

Sundries.—Tents, tarpaulins, Manilla rope, hose canvas, horse-covers, wheelbarrows, hose-directors, brushware, camp and colonial ovens, candles, lime, &c. &c. &c.

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VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

**I. WRIGHT,
FAMILY GROCER.**

Crockery, Glassware, Musical Instruments, Brushware, Stationery, Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods and Toys of every description, Paperhangings, Glass, Oils, Colours, Paint, Varnish, Glue, Cue Tips, &c. Thompson's Cement for Cue Tips, English and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines | Oats & Chaff.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD
LATE MR GRANT'S

NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,

&c.,  &c.,

Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope, SADDLERY, &c., cheap. 25

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge

Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND MACHINIST,

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melmore Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new principle, being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES . . . 12s.
DRAUGHT " . . . 17s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

THOMAS FOOTE,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

—

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.



JUNCTION BAKERY,

CROMWELL.

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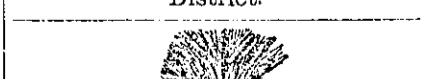
C. W. WRIGHT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER.

—

Bread Delivered in all Parts of the

District.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

—

Families waited on for orders, and Bread

regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

Cromwell



CROMWELL.

FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3½d per lb.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY

(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL).

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

KARL PRETSCH,

COACH & GENERAL PAINTER,

etc.,

Has now PAPERHANGINGS, PAINTS of every description, GLASS, and MOULDINGS, on Sale at Low Prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

Buggies and Vehicles of every description painted in the best style.

Colours Prepared in any Shade required

Address: Next door but one to MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

BELFAST STORE,

CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE, &c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,

CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

JULES LA FONTAINE,

WHEELWRIGHT,

Begs to inform the public that he has now arranged to remain in CROMWELL constantly, and that he is prepared to execute all orders and repairs with which he may be intrusted.

Premises in Cromwell:

Opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

PLASHETTS COLLIERY,

(adjoining Richards's Ferry.)

DAGG, PRIMATE, & BENNETT,
COAL MERCHANTS,
CROMWELL,

Are now supplying HOUSEHOLD COAL of very superior quality at current prices,—viz., 20s. per ton at the pit, or 32s. per ton delivered.

The seam of coal in the PLASHETTS COLLIERY is admittedly the best ever opened in the district, and the proprietors confidently solicit a share of public patronage.

Regular Customers may depend upon being kept constantly supplied.

Cromwell

KAWARAU HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

F. BASTINGS, late of the Commercial Hotel, Lawrence, having taken the above Hotel, hopes to merit a share of public patronage.

N.B.—Good Stabling.

BEFORE purchasing your WATCHES, CLOCKS, and JEWELLERY, call on

E. MURRELL,

and inspect his CHOICE STOCK of the above articles.

As all his Watches and Clocks are TAKEN TO PIECES, CLEANED, and ADJUSTED before they are delivered, Customers may depend on getting an article that will give satisfaction.

All kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS, and MUSICAL BOXES cleaned and repaired.

Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address:

NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION AGENT, ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT,

CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

MR H. W. SMYTHIES,

MINING SURVEYOR AND AGENT.

Legal Managership & REGISTRATION of Companies undertaken.

Office: Town Hall, Cromwell.

MR LAKE,

SURGEON,

May be consulted at his Residence, west end of

MELMORE-STREET,

(Premises lately occupied by Mr Goodger).

JUST ARRIVED,—A Large Lot of PAPERHANGINGS and FURNITURE; CHEFFONIERS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Cromwell Timber Yard.

FIRE INSURANCE.

PROMPTITUDE and LIBERALITY in the Settlement of Claims; the LOWEST RATES OF PREMIUM consistent with Safety; UNDOUBTED SECURITY; and LIBERAL REGULATIONS.

MESSRS GILLIES AND STREET,

Land and Estate Agents, Princes-street, Dunedin, having been appointed agents for Otago of the well-known and long-established Office, THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY,

(Established, 1797; Re-organised, 1821.)

Are now prepared to undertake the INSURANCE FROM FIRE

of every description of property, and to GUARANTEE THAT ALL LOSSES WILL BE PROMPTLY AND LIBERALLY SETTLED BY THEMSELVES, thus avoiding the delay, anxiety, and inconvenience occasioned by Agents having to consult Boards of Directors and others at a distance.

Every information as to the Society's Rates and Principles, or as to Special Rates, may be obtained free on application, personally or by letter, to the HEAD OFFICE FOR OTAGO:

MESSRS GILLIES & STREET, Agents.

Or of the district agents, as under:

AGENT FOR CROMWELL,

DUNCAN MACKELLAR.

CLYDE—G. FACHE.

VICTORIA FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....£2,200,000.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

AGENTS,

CROMWELL.

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Cromwell

SUMMER DRAPERY.

Ex Otago and Hydaspes.

We are now opening out

37 PACKAGES OF DRAPERY, specially suited for the Summer Season, which have been personally selected and bought for CASH, and will be disposed of at VERY LOW PRICES to suit the times.

Our new Stock comprises all the latest novelties from London and Paris. Being too varied to particularise, we enumerate only LEADING LINES.

Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, in Dolly Varden, Mandarin, Neilson, and Sydney,—all newest shapes.

Girls' ditto.

Ladies' Dresses in Silks, Mohairs, Grenadines, Muslins, Merinos, Prints, &c. &c.

Ladies' Chemisettes, Ties, and Sleeves,—a great variety.

Sunshades,—all kinds.

Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.

&c. &c. &c.

Men's and Boys' Clothing, in immense variety.

THE LARGEST STOCK OF DRAPERY ON THE GOLD-FIELDS.—AN INSPECTION INVITED.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

Drapers and Importers.

WINES. SPIRITS. GROCERIES.

IN Order to meet the increasing requirements of the district, we have opened out in the above lines. By purchasing for CASH, and keeping the best class of goods obtainable, and selling them at reasonable prices, we trust to receive a share of patronage.

BRANDY—Hennessey's in case and bulk

RUM—best Jamaica

WHISKEY—Lorne Highland

Dunville's, Islay

PORT WINE—Offley's four grape

SHERRY—Gonzalez's four diamond

COLONIAL WINE, GENEVA, OLD TOM, GINGER

WINE, CORDIALS, BITTERS (various), &c. &c.

GROCERIES

of the best quality, in

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Candles, Soaps, Raisins, Currants, Sauces, Oysters, Salmon, &c. &c.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Cromwell, Queenstown, Arrow, and Melbourne.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra, and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I. Hallenstein and Co., Cromwell,

As our only AGENTS for the sale of our Silk-dressed

FLOUR, BRAN, AND POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name, and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,

Brunswick Flour Mills,

LAKE WAKATIP.

CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of Books in every department of literature; and about £60 worth of New Works is expected to arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s; Half-Yearly 12s 6d; Quarterly, 7s 6d.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on Mount Pisa Station on and after this date.

I. LOUGHNAN.

Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27th

Bannockburn

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,

(Late of Logantown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,

Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that they have removed to QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT's Carrick Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of their patronage.

Bannockburn

STUART'S FERRY,

KAWARAU RIVER.



Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,

DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

The new Ferry being now OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, the Public are invited to cross the Kawarau River on the

BEST PUNT IN THE PROVINCE, which is on the direct road to Bannockburn, the Nevis, and the Carrick Range Reefs.

John Richards - Proprietor.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,

Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,

QUARTZVILLE,
(In the immediate vicinity of the Carrick Reefs.)

THOMAS HAZLETT - Proprietor.

Having purchased from Mr JOHN M'CORMICK the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, I am now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour me with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, regardless of expense, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,

fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

An excellent SIX-STALLED STABLE on the premises, and a careful groom always in attendance.

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T. HAZLETT.

BANNOCKBURN COAL MINE

J. SMITH,

COAL MERCHANT,

Having obtained a lease of the above well-known Coal Works, begs to inform the residents at Bannockburn, Carrick Range, Bendigo, Kawarau Gorge, and throughout the district, that he is prepared to SUPPLY (in any quantity) COAL of excellent quality, at 12s. per ton taken from the pit's mouth, or, delivered, 1s 9d per bag and upwards, according to distance.

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Cromwell

NEW SUMMER GOODS

AT

LONDON HOUSE!

CROMWELL.

W. TALBOYS begs to call attention to his

NEW STOCK OF DRAPERY,

Just opened out, for the

CHRISTMAS SEASON,

COMPRISING

ALL THE CHOICEST NOVELTIES

IN

DRESS MATERIALS!

LADIES' TRIMMED HATS

IN ALL THE NEWEST SHAPES.

Large selection of Maltese and Honiton

CHEMISETTES & COLLARS.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Particular care has been devoted to the selection of suitable and seasonable goods for this department, which will be found replete with all the newest styles in

MEN'S SUMMER SUITS

MEN'S TROUSERS AND VESTS

BOYS' SUMMER SUITS

BOYS' TROUSERS AND VESTS

YOUTHS' SUMMER SUITS

YOUTHS' TROUSERS AND VESTS

ALPACA & HOLLAND SAC COATS

WHITE AND CRIMEAN SHIRTS

BELTS, BRACES, NECKTIES, &c.

HATS IN ALL THE NEWEST STYLES

GENTS' UNDERCLOTHING IN VARIETY.

Ladies', Gents', and Children's

BOOTS AND SHOES.

NOTICE.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

AN AGENCY of the above Bank has this day been opened in MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

ROBT. M'OWEN, Agent.

Cromwell, Nov. 25, 1872.

J. C. CHAPPLE, AUCTIONEER.

Any orders for Sales in the Cromwell District may be left at the ARGUS Office, and will meet with prompt attention.

Clyde

MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE.

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

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REV. B. DRAKE will preach at the **SCHOOL-HOUSE, BANNOCKBURN,** on **SUNDAY NEXT, 26th inst.,** at half-past three p.m.

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Business:—Half-yearly Report and Election of Directors.

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A General Meeting will be held at the Company's Office, Bannockburn, on the evening of **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.**

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R. E. DAGG.

DEATH.

On the 19th December, 1872, at Hobart Town, **THOMAS WALKER ALLANBY**, formerly of Flimby Park, Tasmania, aged 41 years.

Cromwell Argus,
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CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1873.

L.R.C.S.I.—The case being still *sub judice*, we cannot with propriety give insertion to your letter in the present issue.

We have to thank the Government printer for the first volume of the "Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives," in connection with last session.

The weekly mails from the Nevis, Carrickville, Quartzville, and Bannockburn, now arrive at the Cromwell Post-office at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, instead of Wednesdays as hitherto.

Mr David Todd, who succeeds Mr Mackellar as Master of the Cromwell School, arrived here from Balclutha yesterday morning, and was present at the re-opening of the school in the forenoon. We are glad to hear that a large number of scholars were enrolled.

We observe that tenders have at length been invited for the necessary fittings and furniture for the new Court-house. It is several months since the builder's contract was completed, and we trust there will be no further unnecessary delay in making the Court-house available for its legitimate uses.

A crushing of 59 tons from the Caledonian claim was completed at the Poyal Standard battery last Tuesday. The result, we are told, was satisfactory—that is to say, the yield of gold obtained was sufficiently large to be remunerative. Mr G. T. Stephenson is now the sole owner of this and the adjoining claim.

According to the official time table for 1873, the next European mail via San Francisco should arrive at Port Chalmers on the 2nd February proximo. The outward mail by the same route leaves Port Chalmers on February 13. The inward mail via Suez is due at Sydney on the 17th inst., and at Dunedin about seven days later.

The meeting convened for last Saturday evening at the Bannockburn School-house with the object of forming a Miners' Association, was but thinly attended, and it was deemed advisable to postpone the election of president and committee until Thursday next, when it is hoped every miner in the district will make it a point to be present.

The Town Council held a meeting on Thursday evening last. The Mayor and Councillors Marsh and Wright were present. The assessment book was submitted for the approval of the Council. During the meeting, his Worship expressed regret that the Councillors, with the exception of Cr. Dawkins, had not attended the special meeting re the Governor's visit. The meeting was adjourned to Thursday evening next.

The *Illustrated N.Z. Herald* for January contains what appears to be a remarkably good view of the town of Nelson and its surroundings; a kind of pantomimic representation of the enjoyments and inconveniences of "Mr Romer's Christmas Holiday"; a couple of Christmas scenes; a couple of scenes of Melbourne's early days; and several other illustrations. On the whole, a very interesting number is the one just come to hand.

A Bannockburn correspondent informs us that on Friday a considerable flood occurred in Smith's and Pipeclay Gullies. There appeared to have been a very heavy fall of rain in the upper portions of the gullies, for the water came down in one vast body, and carried away everything within its reach. The freshet lasted only about an hour, and by dusk there was no more than the usual quantity of water running. Happily, the flood did little harm to mining property.

The changeable and unsummerlike weather still continues. Yesterday was quite an early spring day; and on Sunday most of the hills in the neighbourhood received a coating of snow. However acceptable a change from the previous very trying heat may have been, its length is beginning to render it tiresome. But the miners are well pleased with it; and we suppose we "of the city" must not complain,—or rather, must by no means pray for a recurrence of weather to suit the season.

Mr S. A. Potter, for some time a resident in the neighbourhood of Cromwell, became, about eight months ago, an inmate of the Wakatip Hospital, where he remained almost continuously until last week. His disease was of a very painful character, and caused him a deal of bodily suffering. Under the skilful treatment of Dr Douglas, the hospital Surgeon, the malady at length disappeared, and not the slightest symptom of it now remains. Mr Potter desires us to express thus publicly his heart-felt gratitude to Dr Douglas for having been instrumental, under Providence, in saving his life. He also wishes to place on record his testimony to the excellent management of the institution, and to its incalculable utility as an asylum for alleviating the sufferings of poor humanity.

"We take the following from the *Tuapeka Times*:—"Never outside a knacker's yard did we see such wretched old screws as the horses the police rode when escorting His Excellency Sir George Bowen from Havelock to Lawrence. There is not a horse belonging to the police in the Tuapeka district worth more than the value of his hide. A horse had to be hired for the trooper who escorted the Governor to the Teviot, as the Inspector could not trust one of those belonging to the force to go the journey—a distance of four and thirty miles. When will the Commissioner learn sense—that cheese-paring parsimony is not true economy. Should it be necessary to ride after a criminal, we do not believe a horse belonging to the police department could be found in the province able to do half a day's journey in ordinary time. A heavy responsibility rests on the police authorities should justice be defeated through this cause."—In connection with the Governor's tour through this district, an incident has occurred which proves that the above remarks are applicable not only to the Tuapeka district. Sergeant Cassels was ordered to accompany the party as far as Timaru; but his own horse was quite unfit for the journey, not by reason of any recent heavy work, or anything of that sort; but simply for the reason that old age and the effects remaining of two or three former founderings, rendered him perfectly incapable of performing it: in fact, we believe the Sergeant has refused to ride the animal again, on the ground that his life is in danger if he does so. The police authorities had therefore to hire another horse for the trip; and as the Sergeant is likely to be away at least a fortnight, the hire-money would go a good way towards the purchase of a decent animal. Indeed, it is high time a clearing-out sale of the old screws were undertaken; they are a disgrace upon public occasions, and are utterly useless for a journey.

Reilly, who in company with Hartley discovered the Dunstan gold-field, is at present in Dunedin. During the past few years, he has travelled over a great portion of America, and visited nearly all the gold-mining districts of Australia. He expresses his opinion that New Zealand is a far better country for an enterprising colonist than any part of the world he has visited, and that rich gold-fields yet to be worked exist in it. Mr Reilly contemplates giving practical proof of his faith in his belief of the existence of undiscovered auriferous deposits, by starting on a prospecting tour. What part of the country he intends to devote his attention to, we do not at present know.—*Tuapeka Times.*

The case *Mace v. Cotter* was decided at the last sitting of the district Court at Clyde. The parties to the suit are resident at Cairdroy. The action was brought to recover damages sustained by plaintiff through the death of one horse, and injuries to others. These damages it will be remembered, were occasioned by a heifer, belonging to the defendant, which had been knocked up while being driven in a mob, and which had been left by the roadside in consequence. While the plaintiff's waggon was passing at a subsequent date, the heifer charged the horses; and the damage done was estimated by the plaintiff as follows:—Value of horse killed, £50; damage to another horse, £15; repairing waggon, £24. The plaintiff conducted his own case; and Mr F. J. Wilson, assisted by Mr Barton, of Queenstown, appeared for defendant. His Honor Judge Gray gave judgment for plaintiff for £70,—with costs amounting to £18 2s. 6d.

A tremendous gale of wind swept over the Mount Ida district on Tuesday morning, the 14th inst. "At the Pigroot the gale was so violent," says the *Chronicle*, "that one of Messrs Cobb and Co.'s coaches was carried away several hundred yards, winding its course through a number of waggons laden with wool, and finally precipitating itself over a bank ten or twelve feet high, breaking the pole, smashing one of the wheels, and causing other damage. Great efforts had to be made to drag the disabled vehicle from its position. We hear that the damage to the gardens is considerable. In the afternoon the wind changed, and rain fell heavily for several hours, with occasional showers of hail."

The following instance of woman's wit is related by the *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland):—"A little episode occurred in Wyndham street on Saturday afternoon, which has its amusing as well as its saddening features, and in which the plaintiff in a late assault and battery case figured somewhat conspicuously. His 'better half' had, it appeared, become 'deeply agitated with benzine'—hot words ensued between the pair, ending in her prompt ejection into the street. She again returned, again to be forced from the threshold, to which she firmly clung, with all its 'hallowed associations.' But when did woman's wit ever fail her in her hour of need, or at her last shift? A new idea flashed upon her mind; promptly rushing in, the fair Milesian whipped off her dress and *rube de nuit*, and triumphantly defied him to put her out! Baffled and disgusted, the irate husband gave up the struggle after some incidental acts of violence."

In an article upon the composition of the new Waste Land Board, the *Tuapeka Times* has the following:—"We believe we are within the mark when we state that three-fourths to four-fifths of the proceedings of the Board will pertain to the gold-fields. Yet we look in vain among the list of members for a solitary representative of the interest which will be principally affected. Such contemptuous disregard of the interests of a large and important portion of the community, while on a piece with previous Provincial Government actions, far transcends them in audacity. It demands a strong expression of opinion from the various gold mining centres. Here is a matter which falls within the legitimate scope of the district mining associations, and one which the Central Committee ought to bring before them without delay. Prompt, decisive action may be useful. At any rate, it will show that we are resolved to kick against injustice."

Air and Exercise.—A young man should walk in the open air six miles every day. A young woman three or four. When still we use 500 inches of cubic air in a minute; if we walk at the rate of one mile an hour, 800; two miles an hour, 1000; three miles an hour 1600; four miles an hour, 2300; if we run at six miles an hour, 3000; trotting a horse, 1750; cantering 1500.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst., His Excellency and suite arrived in Queenstown. They were met at Hayes Lake by a number of vehicles and horsemen, and escorted thence to the boundary of the town, from which point the Brass Band proceeded them, playing lively tunes, to the Queen's Arms Hotel. Sir George expressed a desire that any addresses should be presented forthwith, and very shortly afterwards two were read to him,—one from the Mayor and Council, the other from some Chinese residents,—to which suitable replies were given. The buildings in the principal streets were profusely decorated with flags and evergreens, and on the jetty a triumphal arch of native ferns and shrubs was erected.

It was intended that on Wednesday the party should make a trip up the Lake; but the weather proved cold and boisterous; and therefore a journey to the Moke Creek saddle, and thence to the top of Ben Lomond, was substituted. The Mail says Sir George expressed the highest admiration of the beauties and grandeur of the scenery. Further, "he predicts for Lake Wakatipu a fame and career similar to those enjoyed by the Swiss lakes, and believes that ere long the former will be recognised as a resort for pleasure-seekers from Melbourne and Sydney, in the same manner as the latter now are for those from London and Paris."

On the same evening, His Excellency and party attended a grand concert given in honour of their visit by the Queenstown Philharmonic Society. Sir George expressed himself as very much delighted at the excellence of the vocal performances on the occasion. Mesdames Boulton, Ross, Powell, and Arndt were among the most prominent singers, and their efforts were warmly appreciated by the numerous audience present.

On Thursday morning, the weather proving rather more favourable, His Excellency, Lady Bowen, and family, Mr Macandrew, and the Governor's suite, made a start up Lake Wakatipu on board the steamer Antrim. Several Queenstown gentlemen had arranged to accompany the party; but at the time fixed for the start—eight a.m.—only Mr Malaghan, the Mayor, had made his appearance. Twenty minutes did the Governor wait; and then, no sign appearing of the unpunctual ones, the order was given to cast-off. Just as the vessel got fairly under way, Mr Beetham came "hurrying in hot haste," just in time to be too late. Mr Malaghan, therefore, reaped the reward of punctuality, and was the only Queenstown gentleman who accompanied the party. The steamer returned the same evening, and the party remained at Richard's private hotel. On Friday morning, His Excellency, family, &c., were entertained at breakfast at Mr Hallenstein's residence at Speargrass Flat, from which a start was made again on Friday forenoon. About half-past six in the evening, they arrived in

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where Mr Kidd's stone cottage had been prepared for their reception. A public meeting had been held in the Town-hall during the day, with a view to the arrangement of a demonstration; and considering the brief space of time remaining to carry out what was agreed upon, those who took the matter in hand may be congratulated upon the successful execution of the programme. A party of something like thirty horsemen and one or two buggies met His Excellency at Kawarau Gorge, escorting the visitors into Cromwell. The coach containing the vice-regal party drew up at the cottage before mentioned (which is close to Mr Kidd's Cromwell Hotel). Hearty cheers were there given for Sir George, Lady Bowen, and the Superintendent; and His Excellency addressed a few words of thanks to those assembled for the heartiness of the reception accorded to him. It was, he said, a saying of the great Cromwell, from whom the town took its name, always to "put your trust in God, and keep your powder dry." But, so far as the keeping of the powder dry was concerned, the Cromwell people would evidently not have been very particular; for they had not been deterred from meeting him with a cordial welcome by the wetness of the weather; and he could assure them that he was grateful for the manner in which he had been received. Then the Cromwell Brass Band struck up, "God save the Queen," and the Cromwell fire-bell (temporarily rigged-up) clanged out a noisy welcome from somewhere in the background.

Half-an-hour afterwards, His Excellency, Lady Bowen, the Misses Bowen, Mr Macandrew, and His Excellency's aide-de-camp and private secretary proceeded to the Town-hall, where it had been announced an address from the citizens would be presented. A considerable mob of the townspeople collected. After a glance at the Library, Sir George took his stand outside the building to hear the address read. Before doing this, the Mayor (M. Frazer, Esq.) made a few prefatory remarks, apologising to His Excellency for the incompleteness of the arrangements for his reception while on his up-country journey, and its inadequate nature on the present occasion. Such, he could assure His Excellency, arose from no want of loyalty, or respect to him as the representative of royalty, but rather from a combination of adverse circumstances,—shortness of notice, ignorance of intended movements, &c. His Excellency, in reply, said he had received ample evidence from to-day's welcome that Cromwellites were no less loyal than their neighbours. Then the Mayor read the following address:—

To His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, &c. &c.
We, the inhabitants of Cromwell and its environs, most respectfully desire to offer to your

Excellency, Lady Bowen, and family, our most sincere welcome upon the occasion of your visit to this district.

We have much pleasure in availing ourselves of this opportunity, kindly afforded us by your Excellency, of expressing our attachment and veneration to our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen, and also to your Excellency, her able representative. Our knowledge of the manner in which you have administered the government of this Colony forces us greatly to regret for our own interests that your Excellency's administration will so shortly cease; but we feel bound to congratulate your Excellency upon having secured that promotion which has been so fully earned.

We most devoutly hope that in the important Colony which Her Most Gracious Majesty has commissioned you to preside over, your Excellency, Lady Bowen, and family will experience every blessing that mankind can enjoy.

On behalf of the citizens,

M. FRAZER, Mayor.

The following is a copy of His Excellency's reply:—

Mr Mayor and Gentlemen,—I thank you for this loyal address, and for the welcome which it conveys to Lady Bowen and myself. Not even the inclemency of the weather this afternoon could damp the warmth of the greeting which we received from the gentlemen who rode so many miles to escort us into your flourishing township.

I am much gratified by the terms in which you speak of my administration of the government of New Zealand. I claim no other merit but that of having done my duty, both to the Crown and the Colony, to the best of my judgment and ability.

I have greatly enjoyed my tour among the lakes and mountains of Otago, and shall never forget the kindness and hospitality shown to my family and myself. We heartily reciprocate your kind sentiments and good wishes.

G. F. BOWEN.

Cromwell, 17th January, 1873.

Before reading the last paragraph of the above, Sir George interjected that in Victoria,—where he assumed most of his hearers had been,—to the correctness of which assumption the Mayor bore testimony,—his earnest aim would be to cement the bond of union which existed between that colony and New Zealand as children of the one great fatherland. (Cheers.) On concluding, Sir George proposed three cheers for Cromwell; but these were anticipated, at the request of the Mayor, by three ringing cheers for the Governor and his lady, and one for Mr Macandrew once more. Then came Cromwell's turn; and a few introductions of "honest cits" to His Excellency by the Mayor followed.

So ended the public reception of Sir George Bowen. His Excellency will be remembered in Cromwell as rather a jolly old gentleman, affable, genial, and good-humoured; with a surprising gift of finding relations and namesakes for all introduced to him. We can only hope that the impression he takes away with him will be as favourable as that he leaves behind.

The attempt at decoration and at showing signs of rejoicing were of a far more satisfactory nature than those we had to chronicle last week. It seemed as if Cromwell was thoroughly ashamed of its dead-and-alive display on the occasion of His Excellency's previous passing through; and had determined enthusiastically to make amends. At the Cromwell Hotel, a rope of evergreens was stretched across the street; and the cottage where the party stayed was nicely decorated with the same material. Throughout the town, a great number of flags were hoisted,—from "the flag that's braved a thousand years" to a blacksmith's apron. Conspicuous among flags was one,—the Harp of Erin,—upon Messrs Hallenstein's store, the artistic design and finish of which were greatly admired.

The party took their departure early next morning for Wanaka Station. Lady Bowen and the two Misses Bowen have apparently altered their intention of going to Dunedin, and thence to Wellington by sea; for they accompanied Sir George on Saturday morning, and we presume mean to travel with him to Christchurch.

LAKE DISTRICT RACES.

The race meeting at Frankton Flat last week cannot be truthfully described as a successful one. The time of holding it—the busy harvest season—was ill chosen. While hundreds of acres of ripe grain remained uncut in the fields, it was not to be expected that the farmers would risk the consequences of unnecessary delay in securing it merely for the sake of seeing the races. The agricultural section of the population, therefore, furnished but a small quota of the number of spectators who were present during the meet. A cold wind, followed by smart showers of rain, prevailed in the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, and caused much physical discomfort to those who remained on the course till evening. But towards sundown the wind died away, and the nights were calm and pleasant. The attendance on Friday was nearly double that of the first day, but probably did not exceed 600 or 700 persons. The want of a grand stand was a matter of universal complaint, the undulating nature of the ground on which the course is laid out rendering it impossible to obtain a good view of the races except from a considerable elevation. We shall say nothing more about the management of the races than that it might have been worse—but not much. With the exception of the judge—whose duties are usually of a passive nature, and were so on this occasion—the starter was the only officer on the ground who seemed to know his duty, and he certainly did it exceedingly well. There was not a bad start throughout the meeting; but neither, we regret to add, was there a single well-contested race.

A good deal of betting took place, and many sweeps were got up, both on and off the course. At Powell's Hotel, Mr Stanbrook disposed of over £400 worth of Calcuttas,—the favourites realising, in almost every instance, unusually high figures.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

The opening event of the meeting was to have been a Maiden Plate of 30 sovs.; but owing to the insufficiency of the number of entries, it was struck out of the programme, and the first race of the day was the

GRAND STAND HANDICAP, of 60 sovs., and a sweep of 3 sovs. each, to go to second horse. Open to all horses. Distance, two miles.

Mr Hazlett's b g Atlas, aged, by The Peer—Barbara, 7st 5lb ... (Holt) 1
Mr Patterson's b g Burgundy, aged, 10st 3lb ... (Williams) 2
Mr Nosworthy's b m Malice, 5 yrs, 10st ... (Reay) 3
Also ran—Boomerang, 6st 12lb; Excelsior, 7st 5lb.

The next event on the card was the HACK SELLING RACE, of 20 sovs. Open to all untrained district horses. Heats—once round the course. No less weight than 10st.

Mr —'s b g Merrythought (Williams) 1 1
Mr M'Morran's b g Brian O'Lyran (Lalng) 2 0
Mr Bordenau's g g Kangaroo ... 3 0

This race was a complete gift to Merrythought, who won the first heat with great ease, and distanced both his rivals in the second. The winner was subsequently sold by auction by Mr D. Powell, and realised a few pounds above the amount of the stakes,—the surplus, as usual, going to the race fund.

Then followed, after a long interval, the WAKATIPU HANDICAP, of 40 sovs. Open to district horses only. Distance, two miles.
Mr G. Atkins' b m Taffrail, by Leonard—Wetair, 6 yrs, 8st ... 1
Mr Bordenau's c g Excelsior, aged, 8st 12lb ... 2
Mr T. Grace's c m Flora, 6 yrs, 7st 3lb ... 3
Mr R. M'Morran's b m Wild Rose, 7st ... 0

The lateness of the hour at which the Wakatipu Handicap was run off, caused the stewards to postpone the Hurdle Race until the following day.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 50 sovs. Open to all horses. One and a half mile heats, over five flights of hurdles, four feet high.

Mr Nosworthy's b g Nigger, aged, 10st ... (Taylor) 1 1
Mr J. Buckham's c g Sir Tatton, aged, 11st ... (Lalng) 0 0

Maid of the Mill, 9st 7lb; Flying Doe, 8st; and Don Juan, 7st 7lb, were scratched. Sir Tatton was a strong favourite for this event, but after the start it soon became evident that the height of the hurdles did not please him, for after clearing the first and second jumps in the wake of Nigger,—who was allowed to lead,—Lalng had some trouble in getting him over the three remaining fences. The time thus lost was improved by Nigger, who took all the leaps without demur. After clearing the fourth jump, and while traversing some rough ground, Nigger fell, and unseated his rider. Taylor, though slightly hurt, was in the saddle again in a jiffy, and finished the heat without for her mishap. In the second heat, Sir Tatton still objected to the hurdles, and allowed Nigger to complete his victory at his leisure.

Next came the HACK HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Open to district horses only. One and a half mile heats, over five flights of hurdles, four feet high. No weight less than 10st.

Mr Poyle's b g Arabian Chief (R. Laverty) 1 1
Mr Will's b g Don Juan, aged ... (Owner) 0 0

The other entries were Mr M'Morran's Black Doctor and Mr Bordenau's Kangaroo. The former was scratched, and the latter refused to jump. The Chief won both heats easily,—Don Juan being distanced in consequence of his reluctance to face the timber.

QUEENSTOWN HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Open to all horses. Distance, two and a half miles.
Mr Hazlett's b g Atlas, aged, 7st ... (Holt) 1
Mr Atkins' b m Taffrail, 6 yrs, 6st 7lb ... (T. Cotter) 2
Mr Patterson's b g Burgundy, aged, 10st 1lb ... (Williams) 0
Mr Nosworthy's b g Tambourini, 4 yrs, 10st 5lb ... (Reay) 0
Mr Taggart's b g Boomerang, 4 yrs, 6st 10lb ... 0
Mr Bordenau's c g Excelsior, aged, 7st ... 0

Mr Powell effected an excellent start. Atlas and Excelsior at once went to the front, followed by Taffrail, who passed the pair near the half-mile post. Excelsior gradually dropped behind, while Burgundy and Tambourini came up third and fourth. Passing the stand the first time, Taffrail was leading by half a length; Atlas lying second, Burgundy third, Tambourini, several lengths behind, fourth; whilst Excelsior and Boomerang were evidently too far behind to have any chance of being placed. Atlas now went again to the front, and maintained the same position to the finish, winning easily by nine or ten lengths. Taffrail was second; the others distanced. It should be mentioned that on the first attempt to start the horses, Taffrail ran away with her jockey, and her wild gallop was only stopped when she ran against the rope-fence opposite the judge's platform. The boy was of course thrown over the ropes, but fortunately sustained no injury.

HANDICAP TROTTER RACE, of 20 sovs. Three miles. Open to district horses only. Weight not less than 10st.

Mr R. M'Morran's b g Jock, 350 yards start ... (A. H. Douglas) 1
Mr Atkins' b m Nancy, scratch (T. Nicol) 2
Mr Boyes' b m Polly, 400 yards (D. Nicol) 3

Mr Atkins' mare was the only square trotter of the three, the others breaking repeatedly. Jock, being accustomed to a much heavier weight, carried his fourteen-stone rider apparently with great ease, and came in first by about 250 yards.

PUBLICANS' PURSE of 30 sovs. Open to all horses. One and a half mile.
Mr Patterson's c g Lyndon, aged, by Potentate, 8st 12lb ... (Williams) 1
Mr G. Atkins' b m Taffrail, 6 yrs, 7st 10lb ... (Holt) 2
Mr Nosworthy's b m Malice, 5 yrs, 9st 11lb ... (Reay) 3
Mr Bordenau's b g Welcome, aged, 6st ... 0
Mr Grace's c m Flora, 6 yrs, 6st 6lb (Cotter) dist.

On the fall of the starter's flag, Lyndon went off with the lead, and was not passed throughout the race, although he was closely pressed by Taffrail. Malice was overweighted, and would not gallop, but nevertheless cantered in third at the finish. Lyndon won by about two lengths, with Taffrail second.

This concluded the racing for the day, the stewards having decided to postpone the Consolation Handicap till

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. One and a half mile. For all beaten horses.

Malice ... 1
Wild Rose ... 0
Tambourini and Burgundy were entered, but did not accept. Wild Rose bolted; and thus the race became a gift to Malice.

A Hack Race, of £15, (substituted for the Maiden Plate,) and a Hospital Race, were also run during the evening; but we have no record of the results. It was near four o'clock when the Consolation Handicap was run, so that it is not unlikely one of the other events was postponed till Monday.

WASTE LAND BOARD.

From the report of the first meeting of the above Board as constituted under the new Act, we take the following extracts:—

Messrs Gillies and Street, on behalf of Messrs Geer and Farniss, applied for a coal lease within the Hospital reserve at Hanoockburn.

It was resolved that a license be granted under clause 161 of the Waste Lands Act, 1872, price of coal at the pit's mouth to be 12s. per ton, and the rent £5 per annum.

Mr George Hogg applied for authority to construct a mill race and tramway in connection with a saw-mill at Lake Hayes. The application, which was made under Clause 65 of the Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, was referred to the Government with the view to the creation of land districts under the 14th section of the Waste Lands Act, 1872.

Mr Wm. Jackson Barry wrote as follows:—"I hereby apply on behalf of the New South Wales Copper Mining Co., to lease 100 acres for the purpose of copper mining, &c.; the lease to extend three-quarters of a mile along the lode which runs in the direction of N. 43° W., and is situated at Moke Creek, between Gill's Creek and the Shotover." Messrs J. B. Bradshaw and Henry Howorth wrote:—"We understand that Mr Wm. Jackson Barry has applied for a lease of 100 acres of land at Moke Creek for copper mining purposes, and that the land comprises the whole of the 80 acres agreed to be granted to us, pursuant to your letter of 19th June, 1865. All conditions on our part have been fulfilled, and we hold the Sub-treasurer's receipt for £20 deposit to cover the expenses of survey. We have therefore to request that Mr Barry's application may not be granted to affect our rights."

It appeared that no survey had been made, and that Messrs Bradshaw and Howorth's deposit was lying in the Treasury. It was resolved that Mr Barry should forward a survey, to be executed by the District Surveyor, before the Board could consider the matter, and that the District Surveyor be instructed by the Chief Surveyor to survey the application of Messrs Bradshaw and Howorth at once.

WARDEN'S COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Judge and Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claim.—Gustave Hargens and three others, three acres on west branch of Luggate Creek; granted.

Protection.—Geo. T. Stephenson was granted sixty days (under sec. 5, reg. 22) for quartz claim No. 1 north of the Caledonian, Carrick Range.

Tunnel.—Permission to construct a tunnel through the claim above-mentioned was granted to G. T. Stephenson.

Water Race.—The application of John Bowman and another, for an extension, was ordered to be amended.

Residence Area.—Timothy Gorman's application for half an acre at Kawarau Gorge was adjourned for a week.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1873.

(Before W. L. Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

POLICE V. SPEEDY.

William John Speedy, of Carrickton, was charged on the information of Sergeant Cassels with an infringement of the Medical Practitioners' Registration Act, 1869.

Sergeant Cassels deposed that he saw a notice in Short's hotel, Carrickton, setting forth that a Dr Speedy would practice on days named; that he saw Speedy, and cautioned him; and that he heard he had attended a man named Taylor for a broken leg, and received a fee of £1.

Dr Lake deposed that he was called professionally to attend Taylor. Having heard that a Dr Speedy was attending him, he refused to do anything unless he had the whole charge. He received the bill produced from both Mr and Mrs Taylor. It is "for professional services rendered, £1."

Cross-examined by defendant:—Taylor told me you were standing by when the accident occurred. They did not tell me you assisted the man to his own house. I heard generally that you assisted. Taylor did not tell me you had gone to Quartzville for splints, &c., nor that he had procured a horse for you, to make all speed, nor that he wanted my services in conjunction with Dr Speedy.

Sergeant Cassels applied for an adjournment of the case to 6th February, to enable him to produce Mr and Mrs Taylor.

No objection being offered, the adjournment was granted.

TAGGART V. WRIGHTSON.

Claim £30. Mr Albury for plaintiff; Mr F. J. Wilson for defendant.

Mr Wilson applied for an adjournment for one week, on account of defendant's unavoidable absence; but the reason not appearing, his Worship adjourned the hearing on payment of 21s. expenses, unless defendant could show a good reason for non-attendance, it being alleged that he only wanted to attend the Queenstown races.

On Wednesday evening last, at Cromwell, Alfred Austin, the Ten-mile Champion of Australia, performed the feat of running five miles in twenty-nine minutes.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

Severe strictures have from time to time been passed on the conduct of the Provincial authorities with reference to the Martin's Bay settlers, and not without being in a great measure deserved. No doubt the consciences of those in authority must have upbraided them for the cruel neglect shown to the unfortunate sufferers in the far west during last winter, when any communication across the mountains was effectually stopped by the frosts, snows, and inclement weather of the inhospitable region; but I should imagine that the climax of humiliation has been reached and felt by the Superintendent of Otago in connection with this his pet scheme. It is impossible that he can regard with anything else but feelings of humiliation the fact that lectures have actually been delivered in Auckland "to raise money for the purchase of seeds and other necessities for the settlers at Martin's Bay." Of all the Provinces in the Colony, Otago has been looked upon for many years as the wealthiest and most prosperous, a Province in which industry and energy were pre-eminent characteristics of her population, and where everything that was taken in hand was gone into with a will and determination that could not fail in ensuring success. Hence the necessity for this assistance to her distressed settlers at the west coast is all the more disgraceful to her Superintendent and Executive. While before she was the cynosure of all eyes as being the wealthiest and most rapidly advancing Province of New Zealand, this miserable Martin's Bay affair will most certainly cause a good deal of odium to attach to her, and detract from her prestige. It is to be hoped that nothing will be allowed to stop the formation of the road and the erection of the shelter sheds recently authorised by the Provincial Government before next winter sets in. Even when this work is completed, a journey to or from Martin's Bay in winter weather will not be without some danger; but with a well-defined track to guide them, those who from necessity may have to undertake the trip will not have the fear of losing their way if caught in the fog, sleet, and snow-storms which ever and anon beset travellers on the mountain sides and in the deep ravines they have to traverse.

Dunning v. Hepburn and others was a case in the R. M.'s Court yesterday in connection with the purchase of a number of shares in the Nil Desperandum Company, and in which some little interest was centred among mining speculators in Dunedin, partly owing to the grounds on which plaintiff brought the action, and partly owing to the fact that since the purchase of the shares by plaintiff a heavy call had been made, which fact had rendered the shares almost valueless in the market. From the evidence given it appeared that on the 11th of December Messrs M'Landress, Hepburn, and Co. offered for sale by auction by order of the mortgagee 80 shares in the Company named, and that plaintiff bought the whole of the shares at 6s. per share, and paid a deposit of £6, in reply to a question the auctioneer undertaking to deliver the transfer and scrip, which would arrive by due course of post, "within a reasonable time." Plaintiff called upon the auctioneers about eight days after the sale to procure the transfer and scrip, having sold during the interval a number of shares at a profit. These necessary documents had not arrived, and as he could not procure them on either of two subsequent occasions when he called, he was unable to complete the sales which he himself had made, and requested a repayment by the auctioneers of the deposit he had made, and that his purchase of the shares be declared void. A day or two subsequent to this the scrip arrived, the delay having been caused by the fact that the transfer had to be sent to Queenstown for signature, but the plaintiff wanted to complete the transaction and brought an action for the recovery of the deposit he had paid, basing his ground of action on the fact that he was unable to obtain delivery of the transfer and scrip "within a reasonable time." After hearing the evidence adduced by both parties, the Magistrate gave judgment for defendants, so that plaintiff will be obliged to retain his 80 Nil Desperandum shares, while he has to submit to the unpleasant reflection that there is a call of 12s. 6d. due on each.

There was a little scene at the annual educational meeting of the Dunedin School District the other evening. After other business had been despatched, the election of the Committee for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and on the ballot being taken the name of Mr Wright appeared as the last on the list of the gentlemen elected, the next name on the list being that of Mr Hardy with one less than Mr Wright. Upon this H. S. Fish, jun., the chairman, claimed his right to vote, and gave both his deliberative and casting vote in favour of Mr Hardy. This raised an uproar, and the excitement was not subdued until it was decided to ballot for the parties over again. This was done, and the result was that Mr Wright was elected by an overwhelming majority—the meeting thus showing their appreciation of the conduct of the chairman. The bumpkins of H. S. Fish, jun., is certainly of the highest class. He seems to be equal to any emergency, and to rise superior in his own estimation to the opinions of all and sundry who happen to hold views opposed to his own. Were it offered to him he would doubtless accept the Governorship of New Zealand without the slightest hesitation, and bumpkinsly dictate to Vogel, Waterhouse, and Company what line of policy they ought to pursue and how their Executive work should be carried out, à la his usual supremely self-confident and inflated air in the Dunedin City Council. O.P.Q.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

The fire is bright, the lilly's on;
Come, mates, and listen to my rhymes:
A story that is past and gone
About those rough old digging times.

My story opens on a beautiful summer night on the first of January 1863: scene, that well-known haunt of bushrangers in the early gold-hunting era, the Black Forest of Victoria.

Two young and stalwart men were briskly walking along the road to Melbourne. They had been engaged in gold digging at Forest Creek and other places, and had met with a very fair share of success. They each carried, as all diggers did in those days, a light swag, and the taller of the two had a valuable double-barrelled fowling-piece slung at his back. "And what do you purpose doing, George, when I shall have sailed for the old country? Can't you make up your mind to come with me?" said he to his companion.

"I can hardly say at present, Harry. Probably I shall buy an interest in some business or another, and settle down into a steady colonist. Unlike you, I have no one waiting for me 'across the herring pond' with open arms, and therefore, much as I regret our inevitable separation, I fear it would only be a waste of time and money to accompany you."

"Well, George, all that I can say is, that I shall be sorry to leave you behind after so many months of jolly companionship, and if ever anything would induce me to revisit the antipodes, it would be to get a glimpse of your honest old mug once more."

And so on they trudged, beguiling the lonely walk with similar friendly chat. They had chosen the night-time for walking, as the days were very sultry and oppressive at that season; and they were putting their "best feet forward," hoping to reach Melbourne on the third day from date. The one addressed as Harry was on his way home to England with a view to take up a small property which had fallen to him by the decease of a relative; and to fulfil an engagement to a young lady whose prudent parents had refused to sanction the marriage until Harry had secured a certain means of subsistence. Hence his trip to Victoria and its gold-fields. He had been successful beyond his most sanguine hopes, and his spirits rose as he paced the dreary bush road, knowing that each step brought him nearer the consummation of his happiness.

"I shouldn't like to be condemned to carry this gold about with me for the rest of my natural life," said George; "it feels confoundedly awkward." He alluded to about four pounds weight of the precious metal, composed principally of nuggets they had selected from their various finds, which he carried, in what was called a gold-belt, round his waist, under the red shirt he wore.

"I will give you a lift by-and-bye," returned Harry, "but in the meantime, the less said about gold the better; for who knows if Black Douglas, or some of his crowd, may not be within earshot in the scrub."

He little thought what need there was for the caution.

About half-an-hour had passed since this conversation, and they had just crossed a small gully, near where the "Middle Stump" Hotel now stands: the road here was narrow, and enclosed by dense forest on either side; when suddenly a harsh and imperious voice ordered them to

"Bail up!"

Looking up the slight ascent before them, they saw a big burly figure in the middle of the track, covering them with a gun held to his shoulder. Harry immediately unslung his piece, with the remark that two could play at that game, and was about to present, when another hoarse voice issued from the brush-wood, about six paces to the right, and said,

"Drop that 'ere, or you're a dead man."

Looking to the left, another glinting barrel was protruded, and, concluding from the aspect of affairs that they had fallen in with a gang of armed bushrangers, who evidently outnumbered them, Harry prudently decided that discretion, under the circumstances, would be the better part of valour; and so grounded arms. The tall bushranger in front then advanced and ordered them to throw up their arms; and two others emerged from the bush on either side, standing as sentinels over them while the leader made a search. Probably much practice had made him expert, as he performed his office expeditiously, and with a wonderful intuition as to the whereabouts of valuable property. Poor George's gold-belt was at once appropriated, and Harry's pocket-book,—he was cashier,—containing about 30 sovereigns, next rewarded the inquisition.

"See if there's any 'ridge' in the swags, Joe," said the leader to one of his mates; but as nothing but two changes of clothing rewarded his search, he tossed them aside with a grunt of disapproval.

"Now, boys, you can move on, and make room for the next couple," the robber said, facetiously; "and as I don't want to behave shabby, here's five 'counter' to carry you to town, and don't forget to drink my health when you get there."

The whole affair had been so sudden, and was so quickly completed, that both the unlucky travellers were, vulgarly speaking, quite "flabbergasted"; and Harry, mechanically accepting the five sovereigns, was about to "move on" as requested, when the bushranger addressed as "Joe," cried,

"Stop a bit, mate. Let's have a look at that piece o' yours."

Taking his gun, he examined it. "This is just the shootin' iron I bin looking arter, hever so long; and hexchange arn't no robbery, so you take this 'un; it hain't bin much

used; I on'y got 'un to-day. And now vamoose, and I wishes you better luck next time."

The two young men, being anxious to get rid of company with such free and easy notions and taking ways, needed no further bidding to put a few miles between them, and set off at a good pace. When out of hearing, Harry burst out into a hearty laugh, and exclaimed,

"Well, George, we only wanted this adventure to crown our Colonial experiences; and we ought to be thankful it is no more. It is lucky the bulk of our gold was sent to Melbourne, or my chance of 'England, home and beauty' would have been indefinitely postponed."

"I don't see anything to laugh at," replied George, with a rueful countenance. "I am crabbed about the nuggets, not for their intrinsic value, but I intended most of mine as presents to old friends and acquaintances. Hang all bushrangers! say I."

"With all my heart," said Harry; "and probably they may some day get their deserts. As you correctly remark, there is nothing to laugh at in the matter; and when I reflect, I am rather vexed about losing my 'Manton.' I brought it from Home, as you know, and I fully intended to lay many a head (of game) low with it when I got back to dear old Westmoreland. Ah, well! I shall take this one home in its place as a memento of the last New Year's Day spent in Victoria. I wonder if it is loaded." He dropped the ramrod into both barrels, and found that they seemingly were very heavily charged. "I must draw these," he remarked, "on the first opportunity. That pleasant scoundrel, Joe, had little regard for his shoulder if he intended to discharge them."

Little of note occurred during the remainder of the journey. They reached Melbourne in safety, and found that the good ship Golden Land was to sail in two days for Liverpool; and as our friend Harry determined to take advantage of this lucky chance, the time was very scant for the necessary arrangements. The gold was withdrawn from the Treasury, and the two friends divided their earnings, which, as I before mentioned, were very considerable. They spent the last night together, pledging mutual friendship and esteem, and on the following day George accompanied his friend to the ship, and finally waved an adieu from the deck of the steamer; which conveyed him back to town, with a very heavy heart. They had previously decided that as the bushrangers were masked, it would be difficult ever to identify them, and so refrained from mentioning the matter to the police. Indeed, "sticking-up" was so common in those days, that the inconvenience was generally accepted as a matter of course.

George followed up his original intention: went into business, and had comfortably settled into the new groove: when about eight months after Harry had sailed, he received a letter from him informing him of his marriage and consequent happiness.

"And I have also a very startling fact to communicate, old boy," he wrote. "You remember the gun that rascal Joe exchanged with me in the Black Forest on that eventful New Year's night. Well, in the hurry of leaving, I put it into the case which had belonged to my own, without drawing the charges. I never had it out during the voyage; and in fact, until a month ago, had nearly forgotten its existence. I was relating the history of our rencounter with the Australian brigands to my father-in-law and a few guests. They expressed a wish to see the gun. I sent for it, and it was brought in, case and all, just as I took it on board with me. Unlocking the case, I took out the piece; and remembering that it was loaded, I thought it safer to draw the charges before handing it to my friends. I did so, and guess my astonishment to discover that it was loaded with—what do you think?—bank-notes! Out they came like ribbons from a conjuror's mouth: tens and twenties, to the tune of £850! Truly, as that villain Joe facetiously remarked, 'hexchange arn't no robbery.' He went on further to state that he forwarded the numbers, and if George failed to find an owner in three months, he would remit him half the spoil.

No owner ever was found, and the money was appropriated as proposed. It is probable that some unfortunate had been stuck up, and his gun, into which he had rammed his money for safety, taken from him; but what became of him afterwards, Heaven only knows. Perhaps he was murdered: such things were then rife. Judging from the columns of the *Melbourne Argus* at that time, it might have been conjectured that the "undiscovered bourne from whence no traveller returns" had come to light: the list of "missing friends" was something dreadful to contemplate.

Now, my friends, I have finished my yarn; crude and unvarnished, doubtless; but nevertheless true: and possibly this is the only instance of a bushranger being outwitted in the Black Forest, and innocently bestowing a "New Year's Gift" on his clients.

HATTER.

The bile infallibly cured by Holloway's Pills.

—Many who suffer from bile are unconscious of it; they complain of sick headaches, derangement and sinking at the stomach, loss of appetite, lowness of spirits, want of energy, feet, hands, and face swelling; and know not that these actions denote the imperfect action of the liver, and if not remedied may lead to dropsy. Holloway's Pills will always be found to act upon the liver and stomach, and carry off the redundancy of humours, and thereby immediately restore the patient to a full enjoyment of health. The blue pill is a mercurial and destructive medicine, which no one should take.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

A public band is expected to be formed shortly in the Arrow district.

Newspapers are to be carried free in future in New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania.

Two hundred thousand pounds worth of silk, in various forms, is annually imported into Victoria.

In the Arrow district, Chinese are employed in the harvest fields. They are said to "shape" fairly.

The girl Osborne, who was burnt during the pantomime at a Sydney theatre, has since died in the Hospital.

Sir Benjamin C. C. Pine, Governor of the Leeward Islands, is to succeed Governor Ferguson of South Australia.

Mr John Williamson advertises that he will be a candidate at the next election for the Auckland Superintendency.

The Caledonian claim at the Thames seems to be falling off greatly in its yields. Last month's yield was only 530 ounces.

Arrangements are being made for the appearance in Dunedin of Madame Cora, a female magician at present performing in Australia.

Two reef claims on Yam Creek, Northern Territory, (where the hundred-ounce stone was recently discovered,) have changed hands at £2000 each.

Large purchases of native land on the Coromandel Peninsula, Auckland, have been made by the Government. Gold has been obtained in parts of it.

A constable, while examining the scene of the late bush fire at Tapanui, came across a small still which had been concealed in an old saw-pit and covered with scrub.

Two splendid nuggets, weighing together nearly 57ozs., were lodged in the Bank at Westport recently. They were found twelve months ago in Irishman's Creek at the Lyell.

A hotelkeeper at Akaroa, Canterbury, has (under a Provincial Ordinance) been fined £5 for keeping his licensed house open, and allowing billiard playing therein, on Christmas Day.

The General Government intend shortly to commence the construction of a large reservoir and water-race to supply the Waimea district, in Westland. The cost will be about £45,000.

At Lawrence, the Governor was presented as he passed the Chinese Camp (which has been christened Chinatown) with an address from the Chinese residents of the district. The Camp was gaily decorated.

On the opening night of the Opera season in Dunedin, the gas went out during the performance. Candles were obtained, and the orchestra kept the audience interested for half-an-hour, when the gas "came in" again.

There are 126 breweries in Victoria, and the beer brewed last year amounted to "the enormous quantity of 13,061,145 gallons, or an 18-gallon caskfull for each man, woman, and child (teetotalers included), in the Colony." The capital invested in plant and premises is £470,000.

There appear to be some excellent claims on the West Coast. The Alpine quartz claim at the Lyell yielded a Christmas crushing of 1500 ounces of gold from a little over 100 tons of stone, taken from the main reef; and the Golden Crown alluvial claim, at Clearwater, Ross, is giving splendid returns, as much as £80 a man per week having been obtained.

Georgia Clark, one of the female performers connected with Chiarini's circus, now performing in Auckland, is known in California as "the lady with the iron jaw." She is accustomed to hang by her garters and hold a man, with a strap round his body, by her teeth. A Californian paper is of opinion that such qualifications would doubtless enable her to develop great strength of language when so disposed.

At Manawatu, Wellington, a man named Humphries died recently under rather peculiar circumstances. The deceased had walked about twenty-five miles the day before his death, and announced that he believed he was about to die. He then made a will, which was duly witnessed, though no particular importance was attached to the circumstance, as the man seemed to be in ordinary health. Next day, however, he was found dead, after a fit of apoplexy.

The *Daily Times* has been shown some specimens of steel manufactured in Dunedin from iron sand by Messrs Binnie and McGill. One of the specimens was made from the much heard-of Taranaki sand, and another from sand from the Molyneux, and the latter is the better of the two. Messrs Binnie and McGill are very sanguine of having solved the long-vexed problem of successfully and cheaply smelting the iron sand, and, to judge by the specimens referred to, their anticipations would appear to be based on good grounds.

In connection with an article in another column headed "Strange Wagers," the following may be of interest. We take it from the *Marlborough Express*, and the incident occurred at Christmas sports in that Province:—"The extraordinary feat of Running a quarter of a mile, Riding the same distance, Pulling a Boat a quarter of a mile, Walking and Hopping each a quarter of a mile, and finally Swimming a hundred yards, in a quarter of an hour, was also performed, or we should rather say nearly performed, the match being lost by only fifteen seconds. This was attributed to the fact of the boat having swung round to the current, which caused a slight delay. The public were, however, so well pleased with the manly way in which the several tasks were performed, that a purse of four sovereigns was subscribed on the ground, and presented to the performer of the feat."

Strange Wagers.

In September, 1788, (says the *Annual Register*), "A young Irish gentleman, for a very considerable wager, set out on Monday, the 22nd inst., to walk to Constantinople and back again in one year"; and in June of the following year, Mr Whalley arrived about this time in Dublin from his journey to the Holy Land, considerably within the limited time of twelve months. The wager laid on the performance of that expedition was twenty thousand pounds. Buck Whalley was a Dublin macaroni, whose appearance in a swallow-tailed blue coat, gay waistcoat, buckskin breeches, and top-boots, created no little astonishment in Jerusalem. He was taken for a madman; thanks to which belief, and a stout shillelagh, he went on his way unmolested, and was enabled to return home to claim his winnings, and be henceforth dubbed Jerusalem Whalley. Men have done odd things enough for the sake of a few pounds. Pepys records that Lords Arran and Castlehaven ran down and killed a stout buck in St. James's Park. In 1766 a man crossed the Thames from Somerset stairs in a butcher's tray. In 1826, Mr Henry Hunt drove his father's blacking van, four-in-hand, over the first-bound Serpentine. A merchant once moved a hundred square yards with common stones in less than nine hours. A Berkshire gentleman felled 171 trees of one sort and another in six hours and twenty-five minutes. A naval officer rode a blind horse round Sheerness racecourse without handling the reins, steering his steed safely by fastening the reins to his feet. Mr Poole, of Hodder, rode an old mare down the steepest part of the Devil's Dyke, near Brighton, a descent of three hundred yards, almost sheer in some places, without deviating more than three yards to the right or left of his starting point. General Chorretie, after one perusal of the *Morning Post*, repeated the entire contents of the paper from the date to the publisher's name, without a single blunder or omission. One man ran a mile, walked a mile, wheeled a barrow a mile, trundled a hoop a mile, and hopped upon one leg for the same distance, in fifty-eight minutes. Another ran two coach-wheels together for a mile, ran a six-inch cart-wheel a mile, ran backwards half a mile, rode two miles, and jumped over 20 five-barred gates without touching, in 36½ minutes. A medical student ran four times round the railings of St. Clement's Church, while the church clock struck 12, and gained the Lass o' Gowrie, the distance being 430 yards, and the striking and climbing occupying exactly three minutes, leaving the runner 20 seconds to the good. During the siege of the Crimean stronghold, three men of the Ninety-third Regiment bet they would get a rose from Sebastopol, and won their wager, after a sharp bout with a party of Russian sharpshooters. Some years ago a London waterman wagered that he and his dog would jump from the centre arch of Westminster Bridge, and land at Lambeth together. He leaped from the bridge, and the dog followed suit, but taking it into his head that his master was in danger of drowning, the faithful fellow dragged him "willy-nilly" to shore, and by his well-intentioned blunder, lost his master the wager. When the false news came to England that Sebastopol had fallen, three days after the battle of Alma, a party of Sussex men drank to the health of the victors at a certain inn, but one incredulous man would not believe the glad tidings, and offered to give the landlord a sovereign upon condition of receiving a shilling a day as long as the Russians held their own. The offer was accepted, and for many a Saturday night did "the Russian" look for his seven shillings, the unlucky believer in the prowess of the allies eventually paying some eighteen pounds for his single sovereign. Another lost wager was that of the impudentascal who had such faith in the good lasses of Worcester, that he bet he would kiss fifty girls in going down the High street of the beautiful city. Unfortunately for his speculation he caught a Tartar the very first attempt, and got three weeks' hard labour for his pains.

A serio-comic writer in the *Adelaide Observer*, referring to Mr Charles Todd, C.M.G., Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the Superintendent of Telegraphs in South Australia, says:—"I bethink me that I am a loyal subject, bound to respect, therefore, those whom Majesty honours; and when our gracious Queen bestows the dignity of C.M.G. upon the hero of the day, who am I that I should detract from his merits out of the simple acerbity of my savage temper? In sooth I cannot resist so proper an appeal. I revoke my sneers, and congratulate my Todd once more. I do not ask, 'Is some innocent operator of my Banjoewangie, what is a C.M.G.?' for the initials become the Celebrated Magnetic Genius in many ways. When he first mooted the scheme years ago, I thought he was coming Mad Games, but the time rolled on, and he still proved Constant to the Mighty God, they gave his notions practical effect. His first organisation was worthy of a Competent Military General, and when at the went forth himself, closing the Memorandum Gap in the North, and then returned, crossing the Mysterious Ground that Stuart first explored, we hailed him as Completer of the Miraculous Girdle, Connecting the Mercantile Globe, thus Compelling Much Gratitude, although in the way he has brought London, and even to Francisco to our doors, he may also be designated as a Confuser of Modern Geography. I hope that the Parliament will be all the slier to recognise his merit, inasmuch as he never shown himself Covetous of a Munificent Gratuity.

An old lady, hearing somebody say that the girls were very irregular now-a-days, said: "It is just so in my young days—no trusting of 'em."

The Great Boston Fire.

American papers have now come to hand containing accounts of the above fearful calamity. We take the following extract from a telegraphic dispatch sent while the fire was at its height, at 4.30 a.m. on Nov. 10:—"The heat now became infernal. The streets ran rivers of water, and every moment was heard the sound of granite blocks exploding, and entire walls fell into the streets, making them impassable. The firemen were driven from one station to another, and many an engine was kept nobly at work, while the firemen were wet by hand. The engineer could only hold his place while a stream of water was kept playing on him. Blocks of granite weighing tons were split as if by powder, and hurled across wide streets. Planks were flying through the air like feathers. Women erected barricades and worked behind them, but they were burned almost as soon as erected. An hour had hardly elapsed before it was evident that Beebe's block, the finest business structure in the city, built of granite, five stories high, with that cursed Mansard roof over all, must go within thirty minutes. The flames were coming out in fiery billows from every window, and up the stairway leading to A. T. Stewart's rooms, ran a perfect column of flame. This building served as but fuel to the flames. Whole pieces of dry goods went whistling across the square, lodging on the window-sills of the magnificent stores on Devonshire street and Beebe's block. Several minutes after the inside fell, but the heat warped it, and two millions soon lay a heap of stone, brick, and mortar. A hurricane of wind now raged, and owing to the intense heat, every building caught like tinder. Four-storey granite blocks caught like shavings, and deafening explosions were constantly heard. A new terror was now added to the Babel of confusion. The tenement houses at the upper end of the street were being fast licked in by the flames, and women, crazed and fainting, were rushing to and fro, carrying children, crockery, clocks, bedding, &c."

Another account says:—"Up and down the streets hurried and tumbled a crowd of utterly demoralised men and women. There were among these also, those who, at the tea table yesterday, were worth millions of dollars, but who are beggars to-day. Some rushed frantic and wild through the streets, some prayed, some moaned, a few drunken brutes cursed, but all showed by their horror-stricken countenances that they keenly appreciated the horrible and critical position. Merchant princes, who on Saturday locked their doors on immense treasures, now found themselves not only impoverished but threatened with being made homeless by the terrible fiend. Almost insane, they flew through the excited masses, but where and what for they could not tell. All, all was consternation. The ruined merchants, the impoverished mechanics, the helpless and homeless shop girls, and the thousands and tens of thousands of other representatives of society, all united in the general mourning of what had and what might come. But the energetic but exhausted firemen still kept at work, and in the very face of general despair fought the flames more determinedly than ever."

The lurid glare of the flames lighted up the entire city, and newspapers could be plainly read for miles away. In Providence, which is forty miles distant, an alarm of fire was caused by the Boston conflagration, somebody presuming that the fire was in that city. The fire was also distinctly visible in Stonington, Northford, Charleston, Portsmouth, and other places equally distant.

About forty persons are known to be killed; and it is quite possible their number will be increased fourfold when the excitement is over, and the rolls called. Many of these are firemen, who died while making heroic endeavours to save buildings and stay the progress of the fire.

Fatal Fight at Westbury, Tasmania.

Particulars appear in the *Cornwall Chronicle* (December 25) of the shocking occurrence whereby Thomas Lindsay Field, eldest son and heir to Mr Thomas Field, of Westfield, lost his life from injuries received in a pugilistic encounter with another young man named Seton Williams, a son of the Rev. Mr Williams, of Westbury. The deceased young man had but recently attained his majority, and was universally beloved and respected for his genial kindness of disposition and upright conduct. An enmity, which was chiefly attributed to the fact of Williams having been summoned by Mr Field for trespassing, had sprung up between the two young men, and more than one little disturbance had taken place between them. The deceased had heard a rumour about Westbury some months ago, to the effect that Seton Williams had asserted he would punch deceased's head. This led him to send a challenge to Williams. They met not far from the cricket-field where one had been playing, and fought for two hours and a half, but until the last half-hour no serious damage was done. Field then received several severe falls, and in an effort to rise from the last fell back senseless. He was so weak that he could not bear removal to his father's house, but was taken to the house of the police superintendent, where he died on Sunday morning. The medical testimony given by Drs Rock and McCreery, at the inquest, proved that death had been caused by concussion of the brain, exhaustion, and effusion of blood combined. Williams has been committed for trial for manslaughter.

Highway Robbery near Ahaura.

The intelligence that a daring and successful highway robbery had been committed within a few miles of Ahaura, reached that place on Tuesday evening between nine and ten o'clock. The alarm was, it is said, first given to the police by Mr James Hayes, draper, at Ahaura, who was the victim of the outrage. Mr Hayes has establishments at Ahaura, Reefton, and Half-Ounce, and he has for some time been the largest purchaser of gold at the latter place. His account of the affair is that he had been detained at Half-Ounce in the transaction of some very urgent business longer than usual, and when he started for Ahaura it was coming on night-fall. On reaching a part of the road not far from the entrance to the racecourse, and just where the metalled track emerges from the bush on to the plains, he was accosted by a man, who, after bidding him good evening, caught hold of the bridle of his horse. The thief, at the same time, let fall over his face a piece of some fabric which was previously arranged upon his hat like a puggaree. Another man then appeared from behind a tree, and after presenting a double-barrelled gun at Hayes ordered him to dismount. The second scoundrel was disguised with a wrapper thrown over his head and shoulders, with holes cut in for the eyes. While one of the robbers kept him covered with the gun, the other undid a valise, which was strapped upon the saddle, and cutting it open, rifled it of its contents. These were, according to the report given the police, 350ozs. of gold dust, £52 in notes, silver, and cheques, in all amounting to £1400. They then ordered him to empty his pockets, and after taking everything he had about him of any value, they told him to mount his horse again, and allowed him to proceed, warning him that if he gave any information of the robbery before the expiration of a month, they would take his life. He made all haste to reach Ahaura, and reported the circumstance at once to the police. The police at once took measures towards tracing and clearing up this mysterious affair, but although an immediate pursuit was ordered, no clue to the whereabouts of the miscreants has yet been obtained. A reward of £100 is offered by the manager of the Bank of New South Wales for such information as will bear upon the case. The time and place were exactly suitable for the perpetration of this piece of villainy. The part of the road where the robbery was committed is at all times lonely, and would be especially so about dark. It is at a place where a bridge is built across a deep ravine, coming to which the pace of travellers is usually slackened, and there is not any means of escape at either side. These circumstances would give the footpads a favourable opportunity for effecting their purpose.

Death of Horace Greeley.

The *Tribune* furnishes the following account of the illness and last hours of Mr Greeley:—"He was in almost as good health as usual when, on the day after the election, he wrote the card announcing his resumption of the editorial charge of the *Tribune*. His sleeplessness was known to have become greatly worse, but for years he had suffered more or less from the same difficulty. It is now clear that a sufficient allowance had not been made for the intense strain upon him throughout the summer, and especially during the last month of his wife's illness; but it soon became evident that his strength was unequal to the hard task to which he set himself. He wrote only three or four careful articles, no one of more than half a column in length. Two or three times he handed his assistant short articles, saying, 'There is an idea worth using, but I have not felt able to work it up properly, and you had better put it in shape.' At last he abandoned all effort to visit the office, and sent for the family physician of A. J. Johnson, the friend with whom he was a guest, and in whose house his wife had died. Every effort was made to induce sleep, but he grew worse until it became evident that his case was critical. At times he was delirious, and at other times as clearheaded as ever. He lost flesh and strength with startling rapidity, and in a few days the possibility of a speedy death forced itself into an unwilling recognition. It was not, however, until Thursday that his associates and family brought themselves to admit it. He lingered till Friday; was conscious the whole time, and was seemingly rational and free from pain.

In one account of his last days, he is said, during his western tour, to have never slept over four hours at a time. Through the day he would often doze in a car, and catch short snatches of sleep. Upon his return to New York, his wife was found to be rapidly wasting, and it was while passing sleepless nights at her bedside that he first began to show signs of great mental depression.

A Wellington exchange says the Rangitikei and Manawatu district is literally a land flowing with milk and honey. Of the latter there is no doubt, as the district has long been famous for the quantity and excellence of the honey it yields. Considerable quantities have been yearly exported, and last year one person alone sent away no less than two tons of honey. This year, however, the yield is unusually great. The bees have been enabled to commence storing honey much earlier this spring, and the quantities of blossoms and flowers have been more luxuriant than for several seasons back. So plentiful has honey become, and so easily obtainable, that its general consumption in the households of settlers seriously interferes with the import of sugar into the district.

MISCELLANEA.

The *London Saturday Review* has coined a new phrase, the "kingdom of petticoatery."

A darkey says:—"All men are made of clay, and, like meerschaum pipes, are more valuable when highly coloured."

A French speculator is said to be making much money by manufacturing mummies from the raw material of the Parisian dissecting-rooms and exporting them to Egypt to be sold to collectors of antiquity.

Von Moltke, the great strategist, is living a quiet life in the little Silesian town of Schweidnitz, and can be seen there every day, in a long black frock coat, smoking an enormous pipe, and reading the newspapers at the only cafe in the place.

As the Californian earthquake approached, a young lady improved the opportunity to faint away in her lover's arms, it being the first time either had dared to establish such a propinquity. She did not recover for twenty minutes or more, and the gentleman took a vast oath on the morrow that he would "give twenty-five dollars a shock on earthquakes."

A grey hair was espied among the raven locks of a fair friend of ours a few days ago. "Oh, pray pull it out," she exclaimed. "If I pull it out ten will come to the funeral," replied the lady who made the unwelcome discovery. "Pluck it out nevertheless," said the dark haired damsel; "it's of no consequence how many come to the funeral, provided they all come in black."

The credit system has been carried to a very fine point in some of the Tennessee rural districts, if we may judge from the following dialogue said to have recently occurred between a customer and a store proprietor:—"How's trade, Squire?"—"Wa'al, cash trade's kinder dull now, Major. Betsy Nipper has bort an egg's worth of tea, and got trusted for it till her speckled pullet lays."

An artless American, who lately bought a few sausages, thus relates his troubles:—"I got them sausages home without getting bit, and cut them apart and left them. In the morning I visited them. Three of 'em had cuddled up together, and were sleeping sweetly. Two of 'em had crawled to my milk pail and were lapping the milk, and one, a black and white one, was on the fence, trying to catch an English sparrow. I drowned the whole lot."

There is a man in San Francisco, aged 74 years, who has been in gaol twenty-seven times. He has been convicted twice of murder, once of manslaughter, four times of burglary, three times of housebreaking, twice of incendiarism, twelve times of drunkenness, twice of shoplifting, and he is now under going a sentence of five years' imprisonment for coming. We cannot congratulate the San Francisco people on the possession of such a genius.

A swimming feat by a clergyman is recorded by a New York journal as follows:—"The Rev. G. A. Gillilan, Rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church, at Brainerd, Minnesota, started at the railroad bridge across the Mississippi at that place, and swam, without halting, to Crow Wing village, 18 miles down the river. He left the bridge at exactly one o'clock, and arrived at Crow Wing at ten minutes before five o'clock, making the 18 miles in three hours and fifty minutes, or nearly five miles an hour. The current runs only at a fraction over three miles an hour, thus requiring him to swim nearly two miles each hour faster than the current for nearly four hours successively."

Dean Swift was walking in the Phoenix road, Dublin, when a thunder shower came on, and he took shelter under a tree, where a party was sheltering also—two young men and two young women. One of the girls looked very sad, till, as the rain fell, her tears fell. The dean inquired the cause, and learned that it was their wedding day; they were on their way to the church, and now her white clothes were wet, and she couldn't go. "Never mind; I'll marry you," said the dean; and he took out his prayer-book, and there and then married them, their witnesses being present; and to make the thing complete, he tore a leaf from his pocket-book, and with his pencil wrote and signed a certificate, which he handed to the bride. It was as follows:—

Under a tree in stormy weather,
I married this man and woman together.
Let none but him who rules the thunder,
Sover this man and woman asunder.

Among the good stories told at the expense of Mr Greeley's chirography is this:—Years ago, when a young man, he received a poem from a young lady in Vermont. He strongly suspected that all poetry was nonsense, especially if the lines did not square at both ends, and as this particular poem did not come up to his particular mechanical standard for such literature, he threw it in the waste basket, and wrote to the author that he thought she would do better to marry the first honest man that offered her his hand, and mend his hose and tend his babies, than to rack her brain in trying to write rhymes that nobody would read. The poor girl received the cruel letter and could only decipher the writer's name. She showed it to her mother, and she too was non-plussed. A council of inquiry was held over the strange document, which was finally interpreted as a proposal to marry the author of the rejected rhymes. After some inquiry into the character of Mr Greeley (the proposal was accepted, greatly to the surprise of the young editor, who was so much pleased with the prize he had won that he bought a white hat and overcoat that he has worn ever since, and was married forthwith.

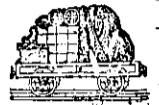
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Palpitation of the heart	and limbs
Dizziness	Impaired nutrition
Noises in the head and ears	Mental and physical depression
Loss of energy and appetite	Consumption (in its incipient or first stages only)
Hypochondria	Eruptions of the skin
Female complaints	Impaired sight and memory
General debility	Nervous fancies
Indigestion	Impoverished blood
Flatulence	Nervous debility in all its stages
Incapacity for study or business	Premature decline
Sick headache	
Lassitude	

and all morbid conditions of the system arising from whatever cause. The action of the Phosphodyne is twofold—on the one hand increasing the principle which constitutes nervous energy, and on the other the most powerful blood and flesh generating agent known; therefore, a marvellous medicine for renovating impaired and broken-down constitutions. It quickly improves the function of assimilation to such a degree, that where for years an emaciated, anxious, cadaverous, and semi-vital condition has existed, the flesh will rapidly increase in quantity and firmness, and the whole system return to a state of robust health.

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Debility	Sore Throats
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Dysentery	Secondary Symptoms
Erysipelas	Tie Polax
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